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A concise explanation of the relevance of this item is that this reference was cited by the Chinese Patent Office in the corresponding Chinese Application Serial No. 02105170.4, filed February 25, 2002. A copy of the Chinese Official Action in which it was cited is attached hereto, with an English translation of the Chinese Official Action.

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